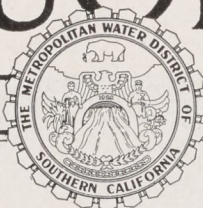


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Water Tops All Issues in Southland

"Water" is considered Southern California's most important subject by business and professional leaders of the community.

This interesting fact was disclosed in a poll completed last month by the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce and reported in the organization's official publication, "Southern California Business."

Ballots were mailed to the entire membership, asking for an evaluation of 19 main fields of activity carried on by the Chamber. When the results were tabulated it was learned that Water was rated tops in importance, followed by Freeways and Rapid Transit, Mobilization for Defense, Public Affairs, Legislation, Tax and Free Enterprise.

Next in order came Industrial Development, Transportation Cost and Services, Liaison with Armed Forces, Domestic Markets, Aviation, Agriculture and Food Supply, World Markets, Management Headquarters, Construction Information, Civic Improvement, Community Research, Management Counsel, Conventions and Television.

Oscar Trippet, vice president of the Chamber of Commerce, said that the three leading subjects "are areas of universal public interest and have received a great deal of publicity."

Julian Hinds, general manager and chief engineer of the Metropolitan Water District, expressed his gratification at the poll results with the following statement:

"The fact that the business leaders of the community place water at the top of their list in importance should be of great personal satisfaction to all of us who are identified with the operations of the District that furnishes Colorado River water throughout large areas of Southern California. It also is a challenge to our resourcefulness in meeting
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Representatives Norris Poulson (R) and Clair Engle (D) who are leading the Congressional fight to protect California's Colorado River water confer with Southern California water officials. Left to right, Franklin Thomas, Chairman of the Colorado River Board of California; Congressman Poulson; Congressman Engle, and Joseph Jensen, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Water District.

Congressmen Meet With Water Officials — Map Plans to Defeat Arizona Water Grab

Two leaders in the Congressional fight to protect California's share of Colorado River water met with the District's Board of Directors on October 20 to review plans for "holding the line" against the Arizona legislative drive that threatens local water supplies.

Congressmen Clair Engle (D) of Red Bluff and Norris Poulson (R) of Los Angeles predicted that Arizona interests would renew attempts to put over their "fantastic, billion dollar irrigation scheme" when Congress reconvenes in November.

The two Congressmen are members of the important Public Lands committee, where lengthy hearings have been held on the Arizona project. Engle was unopposed in the primary elections for the 2nd Congressional district and Poul-

son won both the Democratic and Republican nominations in the 13th district.

In a joint statement, Congressmen Engle and Poulson said:

"The Arizona newspapers have reported statements by their Senators and Congressmen that the Arizona project bill will be called up as soon as Congress reconvenes.

"Whether S. 75 sees more action this session or dies in the Public Lands committee does not alter the necessity for preparations to fight it when the new Congress meets in January. The Arizona supporters have already announced that should S. 75 be defeated this session, it will be revived as soon as the new congress opens its doors.
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New Director Named

Hugh W. Stiles, a resident of the Pomona Valley area for 48 years has been named to represent the newly created Pomona Valley Municipal Water District on the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Water District.

Mr. Stiles will be formally sworn in as a member of the Board after certain



HUGH W. STILES

necessary legal requirements covering the entry of a new area into the District have been completed.

In addition to being an active member of the Pomona Chamber of Commerce, Mr. Stiles is a Director of the Los Angeles County Fair and an officer in the Pomona Home Builders Savings and Loan Company.

He is married and makes his home in La Verne.

Those Were the Days

The World Series this fall between the Philadelphia Phillies and New York Yankees brought back many memories to Director C. C. Cravath, who repre-



DIRECTOR C. C. CRAVATH

sents the Coastal Municipal Water District on the MWD Board of Directors.

In addition to his duties as a member of the District Board, Director Cravath is now a police court judge at Laguna Beach. For many years, however, "Gavvy" Cravath was a star outfielder and batter for the Philadelphia Phillies.

It was his potent batting which to a large extent enabled the Phillies to win their first National League pennant back in 1915. During the season of 1915, Cravath led the National League in home runs, chalking up a total of 24. This was a remarkable record in those days because the so-called "lively" baseball had not yet been introduced by the big leagues.

Director Cravath started his baseball career back in 1903 with the Los Angeles Angels, and according to the record books he hit the first home run in the Angels' history.

Community Chest

Metropolitan Water District Employees during the month of October joined the Community Chest campaign, with other public employees throughout Southern California, to raise funds for the 155 social welfare and health agencies serving this area.

For the RECORD

(The following items are noted from the report of General Manager and Chief Engineer Julian Hinds, filed September 1950, covering District operations for August 1950)

Hoover Dam—The District and Southern California Edison Company power transmission systems were in parallel at Hayfield continuously except for two short interruptions on September 5 and 6. Total energy delivered to the Edison Company was 9,742,635 kwhr and the peak delivery was 99,000 kw. The water level in Lake Mead dropped 4.54 feet in September to elevation 1,168.87 feet. The decrease in storage was 576,000 acre-feet to 19,751,000 acre-feet on September 30. The average discharge at Hoover Dam in September was 14,100 cubic feet per second compared with 14,300 in August.

Parker Dam—The water level in Lake Havasu rose from elevation 446.8 feet on August 31 to 449.7 from September 10 to 12 and then fell to 446.5 at the month end. The average discharge of the Colorado at Parker Dam was 11,800 cfs compared with 13,400 in August. Peak power delivery to the Parker system was 42,000 kw.

Pumping—One pump unit per plant was operated through the entire month.

Distribution—Delivery of Colorado River water to the San Diego aqueduct averaged 99.5 cfs. Inflow from the main aqueduct of about 100 cfs maintained a constant water level in San Jacinto reservoir at elevation 1,500 feet and available storage of 1,171.4 acre-feet through the month. Colorado River water received at Lake Mathews averaged about 100 cfs. On September 30 the water level was at elevation 1351.31 feet, representing an available storage of 92,532 acre feet, a decrease for the month of 2,740 acre-feet.

Colorado River water was softened from an average hardness of 307 ppm to 125 ppm at an average rate of 94.7 cfs compared with 129.8 in August. The inflow to the plant varied from a low of 59.9 to a high of 123.5 cfs. Total water sales averaged 231.2 cfs compared with 285.1 in August 1950 and 295 in September 1949.

Purchasing—In September there were issued 230 purchase orders and two purchase agreements in the total amount of approximately \$31,200. Carload forwardings consisted of 43 cars of chemicals to the softening and filtration plant.

BOARD MEMBERS TAKE ALLEGIANCE OATH



The Metropolitan Water District's Board of Directors are shown above after taking State's loyalty oath. Seated left to right are Herman Nelson; D. W. Pontius; Warren W. Butler, Vice-Chairman; Joseph Jensen, Chairman; A. H. Allen, Secre-

tary; Fred Heilbron; Franklin Thomas and John H. Ramboz. Standing left to right are Howard D. Mills; George W. Stevens; R. E. Austin; Ransome W. Chase; Samuel J. Crawford; J. L. Burkholder; C. C. Cravath and Hugh W.

Stiles, Director-Designate. Eight Board members were absent. They were Gordon B. Crary, E. P. Haggood, H. H. Kohlenberger, Lloyd C. Leedom, James L. Norwood, Victor H. Rossetti, Arthur Taylor and Gus A. Walker. They will take the loyalty oath at a later date.

Congressmen Speak

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"Aside from successfully blocking passage of S. 75 in this congress, California has made definite and important gains in winning the support of many national organizations. Throughout the nation there is growing resentment against the immense tax burden which projects such as the Central Arizona project would impose upon our already heavily burdened taxpayers.

"As examples, we can cite the American Federation of Labor which passed a resolution at its national convention last month condemning the Central Arizona project as wasteful and extravagant. The project was denounced also on grounds that it would create an 'unjustifiable, heavy tax burden'.

"As another example, we can cite the Engineers Joint Council, whose membership is made up of noted members of the leading engineering professional societies of the United States. The Council has stated that Federal loans for projects 'should be repaid with interest as long as there is a national debt'.

"The proposed Arizona project, in addition to taking an enormous part of California's vital Colorado River water, would pay no interest on the federal expenditure and would grow crops that are already surplus and heavily subsidized."

District Cars Get New License Plates

Bright yellow on a jet black background with a large E inside of an octagon.

That's not a new fashion in monogram designs but it is the State's color scheme for the 1951 automobile license plates that recently have been placed on the District's 103 passenger cars and pick-up trucks and 31 heavy duty trucks.

Eugene V. Reynolds, mechanical foreman in charge of the District's Los Angeles garage, points out that State law requires the Department of Motor Vehicles to furnish new, full sized plates every fifth year. On the succeeding four years tabs will be used. 1951 marks the inauguration of the cycle system.

According to the State's Motor Vehicle Department, the issuing of new plates for the 4,500,000 vehicles registered in California will require 2500 tons of steel.

License plates containing the E within an octagonal design are issued to vehicles operated by cities, counties and districts. State-owned vehicles carry the E within a diamond shaped design.

Water Issue Leads

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the threat of the Arizona grab that would cut down our legal share of water. I am glad to note the reference to the publicity that water has received because it reflects the results of the consistent educational campaign that our own organization and other public water agencies have consistently conducted, in cooperation with the Colorado River Association, the Chamber of Commerce, and other civic organizations."

The ballot sent to Chamber members provided space for checking each activity in accordance with the member's opinion as to whether it was "very important", "valuable", "no opinion", or "should discontinue".

In defining the objective of the Chamber in conducting its water activities, the ballot stated it was "to insure adequate water supplies as a basic resource on which all other growth depends."

Joseph Jensen, chairman of the MWD Board of Directors, for many years was chairman of the Chamber's Water Resources committee. Present chairman is Stuart Salisbury, Los Angeles attorney.

NEWS FROM FIELD AND OFFICE

Fred Stehn, maintenance mechanic at Gene, is recovering at Temple Hospital in Long Beach, after an operation. He is expected to be able to return to his duties in about three weeks.

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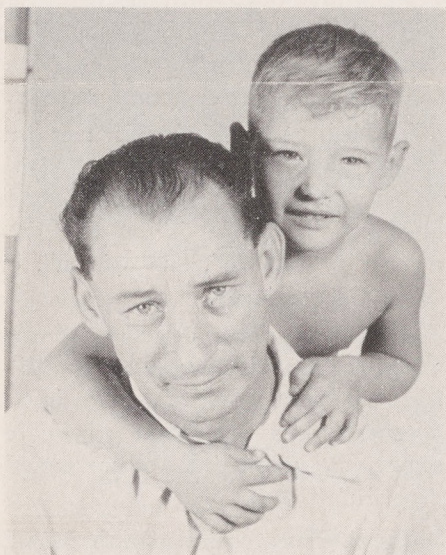
Robert Whaley, assistant engineer in the electrical division, Harold Pearson, research chemist at the softening plant, and William S. Merrithew, engineer in the maintenance division, recently attended a series of courses on atomic warfare protection given by the U. S. Naval Fleet Training Center in San Diego.

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Merrill Johnson, general clerk in the purchasing division and treasurer's office during aqueduct construction days, and now a detective sergeant in the sheriff's office at the Lennox station, will soon be on his way to Paris, France. Johnson recently won first prize on the "Earn Your Vacation" radio program and chose Paris in order to visit the famed French Surete.

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Ruth Thiers, secretary to the General Counsel, and her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Hubbard Hollister, visited Gene camp recently while on vacation.



An appealing father and son picture is posed for the News photographer by Walter Murphy, Station Electrician at Gene, and his son, Jerry.



If Oscar W. Welch, maintenance mechanic at Camino, could find time to enter his four youngsters in a baby contest chances are he would win in four divisions. On the left is David, 4 years old. Oscar holds Barbara, 2 years old, while Mrs. Welch holds 6 month old Robert. Steve, who is three years old, is on the right.

Munson Dowd, assistant engineer in the operations division, moved into his new home in Altadena with Mrs. Dowd and the three little Dowds.

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A postcard (with a picture of the town water works) from Marian Crews, secretary in the compensation claims division, contains the news that life can be beautiful in Sedalia, Missouri, where she is visiting her sister. Marian says in that part of the country an alarm clock is considered an infernal machine and therefore she is having a wonderful time.

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Jack Bickford, a District employee for 15 years, was given a going-away party October 7 by his fellow employees at Iron Mountain. Jack plans on returning to the East to live.

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Mrs. T. R. Thompson, whose husband Tom is a utility man at Iron Mountain, has returned home after a visit with her parents in Vancouver, British Columbia.

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Dorothy Dean, wife of line patrolman Ralph Dean at Eagle Mountain, has recovered from injuries suffered when her car turned over.

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It's three of a kind (boys) for Kenneth S. Gandee stationed at the San Jacinto Reservoir. Baby Alfred, the youngest, weighed in the other day at 7½ pounds.

Mrs. Gladys Ketner, whose husband, Jimmy, is an engineer at Gene, is reported recovering from a major operation in a Vallejo hospital.

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Jacqueline (Jackie) Zans, wife of special agent Dan Zans at Gene, continues to come in from fishing trips with record catches.

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Zack Price, son of Chef Roy Price at Gene, is enrolled in the Arizona State College at Flagstaff where he is majoring in journalism.

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Ora (Pop) Morris is back on his job as Master Mechanic at Gene following a lengthy illness.

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Vincent G. Preiss has returned to his job in the maintenance department at Gene after recovering from injuries suffered in an automobile accident.

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General Manager and Chief Engineer Julian Hinds reports that he and Mrs. Hinds enjoyed their cross-country trip from Flint, Michigan, to Los Angeles in their new Buick.

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William Meglen, maintenance man, and Pauline Hughes, telephone operator, at the softening plant have been elected to represent Group 3 of the District Employees Association Governing Board.